MR. C. KUMARA DAS (*Director of Industries*) : It is being fulfilled.

MR. K. P. KRISHNA MENON (*Parur*) : May I know the period of the contract ?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS (*Director of Industries*) : One year from June last.

Payment of Excise Revenue to the Edapalli and other Chiefs.

323. *MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether any amount is being paid per annum to the Chiefs of Edapalli, Poonjar and Kilimanoor by way of or in substitution for excise revenue, and the amount, if any, so paid to each ; and

(*b*) the principle underlying in or the reason for such payment ?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Excise Commissioner*) : (*a*) A *statement giving the required information is laid on the table.

(*b*) The payments are made purely as a matter of grace.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*) : May I know from the Government the reasons that weighed with them for making these payments to the respective chiefs, as against the practice in previous years ?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Excise Commissioner*) : No special reason can be assigned for that ; it was done purely as a matter of grace.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*) : May I know why the Government have departed from the practice followed in the previous years ?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Excise Commissioner*) : I have already answered that question. The territories belong to them. It is done purely as a matter of grace.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*) : May I know why such payments are not made to the Vanjipuzha Chief in respect of tobacco and customs revenue ?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Excise Commissioner*) : I claim notice.

MR. R. SIVARAMAN NAIR (*Tiruvalla II*) : When were these amounts fixed ?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Excise Commissioner*) : Several years ago. I find a reference dated 1908; and it was reconsidered in that year. So, the payment seems to have been made even before 1908.

Dispensing with the services of a Police Officer.

324. * MR P. C. KURIYAN (*Kottayam I*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether the Commissioner of Police has recommended to Government that the services of any Police Officer should be dispensed with immediately ;

(*b*) if so, the name and the grade of such officer ; and

(*c*) the reasons which the Commissioner of Police has given for such recommendations ?

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Appendix III.

Vide **Answer to Question No. 323.**

Statement showing the amounts paid to the Chiefs of Edappalli, Poonjar and Kilimanoor every year.

1. *Edappalli.*

1. Rs. 57-14-4 on account of tobacco revenue.
2. Rs. 171-12-0 on account of customs revenue.
3. The *kist* collected from the contractors of arrack and toddy shops in the *Pakuthies* of Edappalli, Vazhacolam, Trikunnapuzha and Kalloopara on account of abkari revenue, which varies with the amount collected every year.
4. The sale proceeds of 1303 maunds and 24 seers of salt deducting therefrom the cost price of salt and the establishment and contingent charges on account of salt revenue.

A sum of Rs. 1,082-16-0 is deducted every year on account of subsidy for police protection.

II. *Poonjar.*

Rs. 71-12-0 on account of compensation in respect of abkari revenue.

III. *Kilimanoor.*

Rs. 77-9-8 on account of compensation in respect of abkari revenue.

Legislative Business.

THE TRAVANCORE HINDU WIDOWS' REMARRIAGE BILL.

SRIMATI T. NARAYANI AMMA (*Nominated*): Sir, I beg to present the report of the Select Committee on the Travancore Hindu Widows' Remarriage Bill and move that the Bill as reported be taken up for consideration.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*): I second it.

PRESIDENT: Moved and seconded that the Travancore Hindu Widows' Remarriage Bill be taken into consideration.

The motion was put to vote and carried.

Clause 1.

The question that Clause 1 do stand part of the Bill, was put to vote and carried.

The Clause was added to the Bill.

Clause 2.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): Sir, I move the following amendment:—

"In Clause 2, line 3, add the words "man or" between the words "the" "and woman."

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